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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE RIGHT
HONORABLE BORA LASKIN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA:

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. ADMINISTRATOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF
MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIEND-
SHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. FYI - THE PRESIDENT HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM MR. LASKIN ON AUGUST 9: QUOTE - MAY I EXPRESS TO
YOU THE GOOD WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AS YOU
ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE U.S.A.
AS NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND ALLIES, WE IN CANADA LOOK
FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSE RELATIONS
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WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE HISTORY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

YOURS SINCERELY, BORA LASKIN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. END QUOTE.

3. WE HAVE NO PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THE GOC WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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